

Day Program Questions

Response from Community Compass

1. What is the ratio of consumers to staff?

TCC is vendored as a Behavior Management Program and maintains a staffing ratio of 1:3.

2. Does the program have a behavioral component?

Yes. TCC utilizes Social Effectiveness Training curriculum in the development of behavioral supports for people attending the program. Upon hire, employees attend 16 hours of certification training regarding SET. Each employee completes an 8 hour recertification thereafter.

3. Does the program have an education component?

If meant as teaching math, reading, writing. No. TCC does work with local library to enrollment consumers in tutorial classes that offer these areas of concentration. The library assigns a tutor who meets with consumers one time per week and provides teaching in their designated area. Currently two consumers have requested tutorial services. Both currently receive teaching associated with writing skills.

4. Staff qualifications, such as fluent in Spanish, ASL, PECS, etc.

Hiring does not require fluency in Spanish, ASL or PECS.

5. Is there medical staff on site?

No.

6. Can the facility accommodate wheelchairs, diaper changing?

Yes. Presently, TCC provides services to 3 individuals who use wheelchairs.

7. Does the program have an arts component, if so, which arts, music, dance, theater, crafts?

TCC does not have an "in-house" arts program. Consumers interested in arts are assisted in enrolling in community classes. Consumers have enrolled and participated in clay classes, painting and music classes in the community.

8. Does the program have a sports component, if so, which sports?

Consumers are provided opportunities associated with sports. TCC is affiliated with Special Olympics and is authorized to coordinate activities. Presently, TCC organizes S.O. Bowling for consumers and participates in the annual Bowling tournament in Sacramento.

9. How often do consumers have community outings - daily weekly, monthly, seldom, never?

Daily. Data reflects that consumer's access and participate in community activities an average of 3.41 hours per day.

10. How often to consumer have overnight outings - monthly, quarterly, seldom, never?

One time a year, TCC offers consumers the opportunity to attend a camping trip. This year consumers will have the opportunity to camp at Sunset Beach State Park. Consumers are responsible for all aspects of the camping trip. Consumers are provided funds to purchase all food items, pack all items, cook all meals, clean and set up camp.

11. How do program participants get to and from program?

Consumers arrive on vendored transportation and public transportation in Jackson. In Sonora all consumers use public transportation or walk to the program.

12. Is public transportation used daily, weekly, monthly, seldom, never?

Yes. Public transportation is used daily for arrival/departure and when accessing the community during the day.

13. Does the program offer supported employment?

No. TCC does provide employment training. ISP objectives developed for consumers who choose to work, identify social skills needed to obtain or maintain employment. All consumers who choose to work do so in the community, are paid minimum wage and receive support during their work hours.

14. Does the program offer work groups (enclaves)?

TCC has developed work groups in the past. Due to the population, location, TCC finds that developing individual placements is much more successful.

15. Do the consumers do volunteer work through the program?

Yes. Three individuals do perform volunteer work in the community. Consumers provide services at Hospice and one local business.

16. Does the program offer supported living training?

Not at this time.

17. Does the program offer supported or independent living assistance?

Not at this time. TCC has been requested on occasion to provide assistance during non-program hours. TCC will arrange for and provide services when requested.

18. Can a consumer attend less than 35-40 hours per week? (Part time)
Yes. TCC has several consumers who choose to participate on a part-time basis.
19. Does the program offer evening and/or weekend activities?
Yes. Dependent on the consumer's IPP, TCC does provide weekend services.
20. Does program offer life skills training (money handling, traffic safety)?
Yes. TCC provides money management, cooking, laundry and Ped. Safety. Additionally, TCC works with consumers to help with maintaining safety when accessing the Internet.
21. Do consumers have computer access? If so, for games? internet access?
Yes. TCC is equipped with computers for use by consumers. Consumers who attend TCC are made aware that games may be played prior to or after programming. Internet access is used regularly for cooking class, DMV classes, consumer shopping and many other training opportunities.
22. Does program participate in Special Olympics?
Yes. See above.
23. Does program have own source of transportation?
No. TCC does not maintain vans or vehicles for transportation. TCC does not offer vendored transportation services.
24. What are the regular program hours?
Program hours vary. Program Design stipulates services from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. However, consumers arrive prior to 9:00 a.m. and training is provided regularly after 3:00 p.m.
25. What other community resources/business are located around the program site?
Two doctor offices, Real Estate Appraisal, Construction firm, grocery store, Tire shop, furniture store....
26. What is the program's involvement in the self advocacy movement?
TCC has scheduled presentations by the Self Advocacy board on several occasions. Presentations have been completed. TCC has talked with consumers, that if they want to develop a SA group, TCC will arrange for a stipend to maintain the group. Regarding individual support, TCC promotes consumers goals and provides ongoing assistance. TCC assists consumers with scheduling emergency meetings, use of phones to call needed individuals, attends meetings when requested and advocates to others when consumers request assistance.

27. Does the agency employ people with developmental disabilities?

Not at this time.

28. Info about the umbrella organization - how many programs, etc, is the agency private, for profit, or non-profit with a volunteer Board of Directors, is the agency local or headquartered in another area.

TCC presently offers services as a for profit organization. Services are offered in Jackson through a licensed day program and in Sonora through the use of an office where consumers receive services in the community. TCC coordinates a Consumer Advisory Meeting monthly with consumers. Consumers review existing services, develop "specialized" training activities for the following month and provide feedback as to existing services and any needed improvements.

29. What are the typical demographics of your program? (Age, sex and ethnicity of program participants).

Consumers attending TCC in Jackson range in age from 21 to 54 years of age. The majority of individuals served are between the ages of 35 to 45 years of age. Most are Caucasian and there are more females attend the program than males. In Sonora the age range is 29 to 50 and the majority is between 35 to 45 years of age. The majority of individuals are female.

30. How does the program view and relate to personal relationships between participants?

TCC encourages personal relationships between participants. TCC has assisted individuals with dating, meeting outside of program and meeting of parents. TCC offers a relationship class which promotes positive friendship relationships, development of personal relationships and sexuality in relationships.